

SEXUAL OFFENDER CLASSIFICATION BOARD

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Dear Colleague:

During the Idaho 2003 Legislative session, law was passed mandating the "certification" of mental health providers who conduct sexual offender evaluations for the courts prior to sentencing. The Sexual Offender Classification Board (SOCB) was identified as the entity to develop and administer a "Certified Evaluator" application, approval, and quality control program.

Applications for Certified Evaluator status are now available. If you are interested in applying, please submit a written request for an application to:

Sexual Offender Classification Board
ID Department of Correction
1299 N. Orchard St. Suite 110
Boise, ID 83720

Upon receipt of your request, a file for you will be initiated and an application will be mailed to you. Certified Evaluator qualifications and application requirements are listed below.

When the SOCB was created by the 1998 Idaho Legislature, the board was directed to establish standards for psychosexual evaluations and qualifications for evaluators. The qualifications for Certified Evaluators are unchanged from those first established by the SOCB:

- A psychiatrist licensed in Idaho pursuant to Title 54, chapter 18, Idaho Code; or master's or doctoral level mental health professional licensed in Idaho pursuant to Title 54, Chapters 23, 32 or 34, Idaho Code. These persons must have by education, experience and training, expertise in the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders.
- Has attended 200 hours of specialized training (i.e. formal conferences, symposia or seminars) related to the treatment and evaluation of sexual offenders.
- 2000 hours of adult sexual offender treatment and evaluation experience within the preceding 7 years, including:
 - At least 250 hours of adult sexual offender evaluation experience; and
 - At least 250 hours of adult sexual offender treatment experience.

Providers who do not fully meet the treatment and evaluation experience qualifications may request a conditional waiver. Application is made by submitting

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a full Certified Evaluator application, and including the Request for Conditional Waiver form. A statement from the applicant outlining their intended training plan to achieve the full qualification requirements must be attached to the application.

Conditional Waivers are limited to three consecutive 1-year periods. Application for renewal follows the same process as certification renewal, including documentation verifying the applicant's progress in attaining full qualification requirements.

- Waivers will not be extended beyond three years.
- An applicant who is granted a conditional waiver may not represent himself as a Certified Evaluator, and must indicate on the psychosexual evaluation signature line that he is an **“Approved Psychosexual Evaluator by Waiver.”**

Evaluator certifications are valid for one year. Renewal applications will be available on the SOCB website, or upon request to the SOCB.

There is an application processing fee. A money order, payable to the Sexual Offender Classification Board should be included with the submitted application packet, for the amount of:

- \$75 for initial application; or
- \$50 for yearly renewal application

Applicants are subject to background checks, and are required to submit a current fingerprint card. Instructions for completing fingerprint cards are included with the application. The cards should be returned with the application. There is an additional \$10 fee for processing, and a check should be made payable to the Idaho State Police.

Copies of the following documents are required, and should be included with the completed application:

- Current professional license;
- Verification of highest applicable degree earned or diploma;
- Documentation qualifying professional experience;
- Documentation verifying specialized education attendance;
- A description of how you conduct a psychosexual evaluation, indicating the tests, techniques, and/or instruments routinely used; and
- 2 psychosexual evaluations conducted by the applicant within the past year, with identifying names and characteristics redacted.

When available, a directory of all approved Certified Evaluators will be posted on the SOCB's website (<http://www.state.id.us/socb>). The directory will identify evaluators' business addresses, their fees for applicable services, and their certification expiration dates.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest.